

~ Updates on HPMS Memos ~

<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	2019 Part C and D Reporting Requirements Data Validation Results – Dated 9/20/2019
<b>Summary</b>	CMS released the results of the data validation reviews conducted between <b>April 1, 2019, and June 30, 2019</b> , for CY 2018 Medicare Part C and D data.
<b>Action</b>	Informational to PACE as PACE is excluded from the Part C reporting requirements and waived of the Part D reporting requirements.
<b>CMS Email Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Release of the 2017 Part C and Part D Annual Reports, Public Use File (PUF) Technical Specifications, PUF files for the Part C and D Reporting Requirements – Dated 9/23/2019
<b>Summary</b>	<p>CMS released the following files on the CMS website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2017 Part C and Part D Annual Reports of sponsor reporting requirements data.</li> <li>• Public Use File (PUF) Technical Specifications of 2017 Part C and D Reporting Requirements Data.</li> <li>• 2017 Part C and D PUF.</li> </ul> <p>A link to the files is provided.</p>
<b>Action</b>	Informational to PACE as PACE is excluded from the PUF requirement and Part C reporting requirements. PACE is also waived of the Part D reporting requirements.
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Contract Year 2020 Medicare Plan Finder Updates – Dated 9/26/2019
<b>Summary</b>	CMS announced updates for the <b>October 1, 2019</b> , launch of the Contract Year (CY) 2020 Medicare Plan Finder (MPF) including a release date for CY 2020 star ratings data, a new Suppressions and Exclusions module, and changes to the MPF daily update schedule.
<b>Action</b>	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Non-Renewal and Service Area Reduction Guidance and Enrollee Notification Models – Dated 9/25/2019
<b>Summary</b>	CMS provided guidance for Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs) and Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) sponsors on the process for notifying enrollees in plans that are non-renewing or reducing their service areas for contract year (CY) 2020. Model notices for enrollees are attached.
<b>Action</b>	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.

<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Updated Information on Submission of Health Insurance Prospective Payment System (HIPPS) Codes to Medicare Advantage Encounter Data System – September 2019 – Dated 9/26/2019
<b>Summary</b>	CMS announced that Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) is introducing new payment methodologies for HH (Home Health) and SNF (Skilled Nursing Facility) services. The SNF Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM) will be effective <b>October 1, 2019</b> , and the HH Patient Driven Groupings Model (PDGM) will be effective <b>January 1, 2020</b> . Details for using the appropriate HIPPS codes for both types of encounters and applicable dates of service is included.
<b>Action</b>	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	2020 Part D Income-Related Monthly Premium Adjustment – Dated 9/27/2019
<b>Summary</b>	CMS released information on the income-related monthly adjustment amounts for enrollees in Part D prescription drug plans who have incomes above specified threshold amounts. These adjustment amounts are collected by the federal government rather than the Part D plans and specified in the memo.
<b>Action</b>	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Payment Year 2015 Contract-Level Risk Adjustment Data Validation Audit – Dated 9/27/2019
<b>Summary</b>	CMS announced preparations for the Payment Year (PY) 2015 Medicare Advantage (MA) Contract-Level Risk Adjustment Data Validation (RADV) audit also known as CON15. The selected MA organizations will receive additional information on a later date.
<b>Action</b>	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
<b>CMS Email Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Contract Year 2020 Language Data and Translated Model Materials – Dated 9/27/2019
<b>Summary</b>	CMS reminds plans that they must translate materials into any non-English language that is the primary language of at least 5 percent of the individuals in a plan benefit package (PBP) service area. CMS has prepared a file to assist. Instructions to locate the data and a path to the HPMS Material Language Lookup module are provided.
<b>Action</b>	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details.
<b>CMS Email Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Coverage Gap Discount Program: October Participating Labeler Code – Dated 9/27/2019

<p><b>Summary</b></p>	<p>CMS will make the following updates to the list of participating manufacturer labeler codes by <b>October 1, 2019</b>.</p> <p>Added:            70428 Dermira, Inc.            72607 Epizyme, Inc.            75854 Avion Pharmaceuticals, Inc</p>
<p><b>Action</b></p>	<p>Although the Coverage Gap Discount Program does not apply to PACE, the participating labeler codes are applicable because only brand name prescriptions with NDCs from these codes are accepted for Part D payment. Pharmastar has made the necessary software adjustments to accommodate for the updated codes.</p>
<p><b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b></p>	<p>End-of-Year 2019 Enrollment and Payment Systems Processing Information (Corrected) – Dated 9/27/2019</p>
<p><b>Summary</b></p>	<p>CMS has re-released the End-of-Year 2019 Enrollment and Payment Systems Processing Information memo to correct the formatting and signatory line.</p>
<p><b>Action</b></p>	<p>Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for items that may be applicable to your plan and take the appropriate actions as needed.</p>
<p><b>CMS Email Title &amp; Release Date</b></p>	<p>Correction to the August 22, 2019 HPMS memo titled, “Re-Determination of Part D Low-Income Subsidy Eligibility for 2020 – Dated 10/1/2019</p>
<p><b>Summary</b></p>	<p>CMS corrected an error previously instructing plans offering Part D to submit outbound scripts and model notices under codes 6017 (Other Scripts) and 10001 (LIS Letters). Plans are reminded that these codes have been retired, and plans should not submit outbound scripts and model notices related to loss of LIS status in HPMS.</p>
<p><b>Action</b></p>	<p>Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for guidance and plan responsibilities.</p>
<p><b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b></p>	<p>Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug System (MARx) October 2019 Payment – INFORMATION – Dated 10/1/2019</p>
<p><b>Summary</b></p>	<p>CMS provided information about the October payment scheduled for <b>October 1, 2019</b>, and may require plan action for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second 2018 Final Risk Adjustment Reconciliation</li> <li>• Coverage Gap Discount (CGD) Invoice Offsets</li> <li>• New Medicare Card Project Transition Period</li> <li>• Changes to MARx Plan Transaction Processing</li> </ul>
<p><b>Action</b></p>	<p>Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details and items that may be applicable to your plan.</p>

<b>CMS Email Title &amp; Release Date</b>	CMS' 2019 MA & PDP Fall Conference & Webcast Announcement – Registration Open – Dated 10/1/2019
<b>Summary</b>	CMS announced the registration opening for CMS' Medicare Advantage & Prescription Drug Plan Fall Conference & Webcast. The event will be held on <b>Thursday, November 7, 2019, from 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM EST</b> . A listing of the session topics is included in the attachment.
<b>Action</b>	Informational to PACE. For individuals interested in participating, refer to the email for complete details.
<b>CMS Email Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Contract Year 2020 Language Data and Translated Model Materials for PACE Organizations – Dated 10/1/2019
<b>Summary</b>	CMS provided clarification on the email dated September 27, 2019, regarding contract year (CY) 2020 language data and translated model materials. The HPMS lookup module does not include PACE Organizations (PO) however POs must manually determine their service area's language requirements using the CY 2020 Language Data Technical Notes.
<b>Action</b>	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details and path to the CY 2020 Language Data Technical Notes.
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Advanced Announcement of the November 2019 Software Release – Dated 10/2/2019
<b>Summary</b>	<p>CMS announced the planned release of system changes scheduled for <b>November 2019</b>. The changes will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrollment Election Type Changes for 2020</li> <li>• Automatic NUNCMO Resets for Low Income Beneficiaries in U.S. Territory Part D Plans</li> <li>• New Medicare Card Project Transition Period – MARx Reminder</li> </ul>
<b>Action</b>	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details and items that are applicable to your plan.
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Participation in 2020 HOS for MA Organizations Planning to Sponsor FIDE SNPs in 2021 – Response Needed by Thursday, October 31, 2019 – Dated 10/2/2019
<b>Summary</b>	CMS released information to MA organizations that anticipates sponsoring a FIDE SNP in 2020 and wants to be considered for a frailty payment must participate in the 2020 HOS or HOS-M to allow CMS to calculate their frailty score. For interested MA organizations, the list of information requested must be provided to CMS by <b>October 31, 2019</b> .

<b>Action</b>	Informational to PACE. Refer to the memo for additional details if your plan is sponsoring a FIDE SNP and wish to participate.
<b>CMS Email Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Posting of 2020 Plan Benefit Data and Plan Crosswalk Data on <a href="http://www.cms.gov">www.cms.gov</a> . – Dated 10/3/2019
<b>Summary</b>	CMS released the CY 2020 approved plan benefit data and plan crosswalk data on the CMS website. The links to the data is provided.
<b>Action</b>	Informational to PACE.
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	2020 Readiness Checklist for Medicare Advantage Organizations, Prescription Drug Plans, Medicare-Medicaid Plans, and Cost Plans – Dated 10/3/2019
<b>Summary</b>	The CY 2020 Readiness Checklist from CMS summarizes key operational requirements for organization to review and perform their own internal audits for 2020 preparedness and eventual reporting purposes.
<b>Action</b>	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for additional details and items applicable to your plan. Any questions should be addressed to the appropriate individual(s) listed on the attachment Appendix A. Pharmastar will review and provide a list of the sections applicable to Pharmastar and supporting policy and procedures to how they will be handled.
<b>CMS Memo Title &amp; Release Date</b>	Schedule for Enrollment and Payment Certifications – Dated 10/3/2019
<b>Summary</b>	CMS provided the schedule for submitting Enrollment and Payment Certifications as that has changed from a monthly submission to quarterly. The change will begin with the <b>October 5, 2019</b> submission data with the first quarter submission to be on <b>March 8, 2020</b> . Plans must reconcile the Enrollments and Payments for their beneficiaries that are enrolled in their Plan. The plan will need to confirm that the enrollment and payments for their beneficiaries in their internal system matches CMS systems.
<b>Action</b>	Applicable to PACE. Refer to the memo for complete details and the schedule change.

**Important Date Reminders**

Date	Item
October 2019*	Annual Full File Replace ATBT and NX Report Distribution Email List for 2017-2020
December 31, 2019	HICN to MBI Transition Ends
<i>*Subject to change, forthcoming information to be release by CMS.</i>	

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